COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the *2nd of August 1933.*
18th of Karkadagam 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, M. A. Chakko, A. G. Menon, K. T. Mathew and A. R. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Representation—Public Service—Muslim Deputation.

101. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the scheme for providing the unrepresented communities in our public service contained in the consolatory promise of Mr. Herbert to the Muslim Deputation that waited on him long, long ago ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question of starting a Public Service Commission is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, whether the scheme do not refer to the fixing of proportion in service on the part of the Government themselves?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. The scheme for Public Service Commission would include provision regarding the representation of candidates for selection.

Women holding appointments.

102. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of women holding appointments in departments other than Educational, Medical and Industrial ;

(b) how many of them have been confirmed ;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to solve the problem of unemployment among women ;

(d) whether the Government have read the following observation in the Census Report of 1931 (*vide* page 139) that the distress to which educated women are subjected as a result of the growing extent of unemployment in their ranks is the saddest part of the whole affair ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b) Please see statement appended. (*Appendix I.*)

(c) No special steps have been taken.

(d) Yes.

Items of work approved by the Road Board.

103. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the items of work approved of by the Cochin Road Board at its meetings held on the 21st and 22nd March 1932 for including in the 1108 budget ;

(b) whether items Nos. 8, improving the Panangai lane, 9, opening a road from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji road and 12, opening a road to Cheruvalli Kadavu in Anjur village had been approved of by the Cochin Road Board to be provided for in the 1108 budget ; and if so,

(c) whether these items had been provided for in the Public Works Department's budget proposals for the current year ; and if so,

(d) whether the Government had included them in the final budget proposals for the year referred to ; and if not ,

(e) what action has been taken by the Government to include them in the budget proposals for the next year ;

(f) whether the Government have passed any orders relating to the aforesaid three items of work after the meeting of the Cochin Road Board, referred to ; and if so,

(g) whether those orders be printed and placed on the table ;

(h) whether the Chief Engineer has included the above items of work in his budget proposals for 1109 ; and if not,

(i) why he did not do so ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A list is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

(b) Of the works referred to, the road work from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji was alone considered in the meeting held by the Road Board on the 21st and 22nd March.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) The Government have ordered the works of (1) improving the Panangai lane and (2) road from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji to be included in the budget proposals for 1109, if funds permit.

(f) Please see answer to (e) above.

(g) They are placed on the table. (*Appendix III*), (*1*) *and* (*2.*)

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 102).

Serial No.	Name of Department or Office	Number of employees	Number confirmed
1	Panchayat Department	2	1
2	Public Health Department	5	1
3	Accounts and Finance	2	...
4	Office of the Inspector-General of Prisons	2	1
5	Chief Court	2	1

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 103).

List of roads for which the Road Board resolved to provide funds in the 1108 budget in its meeting No. 2/1107 held on 21st and 22nd March 1932.

1. Item No. VII—Opening a road from Kureekad to Udayamperur.
2. Do VIII—Road from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji.
3. Do IX—Improving the Thevar road.
4. Do XII and XIII—Road between Anandapuram and Nellayi Railway station and road from Thommana road to Anandapuram.
5. Do XIX—Road from near Pullot school to Travancore boundary via Narayanamangalam.
6. Do XXX—Road from Trikkur to Manali.

APPENDIX III (1).

(Vide answer to Question No. 103).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Public Works Department.

Communication—Panangai lane—Conversion into road.

READ (1) petition dated 25th Makaram 1107 from Mr. T. V. Verghese, Southern Bazaar, Kunnamkulam and others.

AND (2) report dated 10th November 1932, C. No. 2387/07, from the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

Order D. Dis. 5418/1108, dated 21st November 1932.

In the Diwan's Proceedings 751/D/06, dated 25th October 1930, (Development Department), the Chief Engineer was ordered to provide for the work of improving the lane in his budget for 1107 and to submit an estimate in the meanwhile. He is now requested to provide for it in his 1109 budget if funds permit and to submit the estimate if it has been prepared.

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